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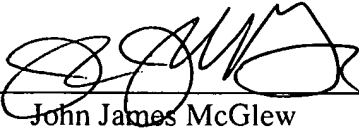
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references come to Applicant's attention within the last three month based on citation by the Japanese Patent Office within the last three months.

JP 2003-165661 discloses a device for discharging paper sheets. The sheet discharging device 1 is used in cooperation with a folding machine 2 performing folded sheets. The reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination of features claimed including a gear drive and the changeover means capable of selectively changing over the gear ratio of the gear drive. As such, it is believed that the claims continue to be allowable as indicated in the Notice of Allowance which has been issued.

Consideration of the reference is requested.

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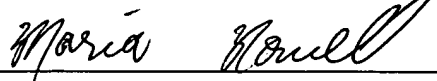
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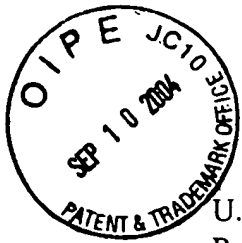
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